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LIVESTOCK AND GRAIN PRICES MIXED

Prices received by **Kentucky** farmers for livestock and grain were generally down or unchanged from the previous month.

Steers and heifers 500 lbs. and over remained at \$80.00 per cwt. at mid-October, the same as the previous month while averaging \$6.00 more than last year. This price continues to be the lowest since January. **Beef cow** prices were \$37.00 per cwt., \$4.00 above last October while \$1.00 below last month and the lowest price in 8 months. **Calves** under 500 lbs. averaged \$91.00 per cwt. at mid-October. This was \$10.00 above last year but \$1.00 below September and the lowest price in 10 months.

Barrow and gilt prices of \$39.00 per cwt. at mid-October were unchanged from the previous month while averaging \$7.00 above October a year ago. **Sow** prices at \$35.00 per cwt. have remained the same for the last four months while increasing \$11.00 over last October.

The **all wholesale milk** price was unchanged from September at \$14.30 per cwt. This was \$3.10 below the October price a year ago. **Milk cow** prices for October, 2000 averaged \$1,310.00 per head, equal to the record price set in July and \$20.00 above the price set last October.

Prices received for **corn** was at it's lowest level since October 1987 averaging \$1.80 per bushel. This was six cents below last month and 15 cents below last October. **Soybean** prices at mid-October were the lowest they have been in 15 months, averaging \$4.50 per bushel. This was 32 cents below last month and 13 cents below last year. The only commodity to increase in price was **winter wheat** at \$2.25 per bushel. This was up 21 cents from last month and 25 cents from last October. The mid month price was the highest in four months.

The preliminary **U.S.** All Farm Products Index of Prices Received in October was 92 based on 1990-92=100, down 6 points (6.1 percent) from the September index. Higher prices for corn, wheat, tomatoes, and eggs were offset by decreases in prices for lettuce, broilers, soybeans, and sweet corn. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell often affects the overall index. Lower seasonal marketings of milk, grapes, wheat, and tobacco more than offset the higher marketings of soybeans, corn, cotton, and cottonseed. These marketing changes accounted for four points of the October index decrease.

Compared with October 1999, the All Farm Products Index was 1 point (1.1 percent) higher. Price increases from October 1999 for hogs, eggs, tomatoes, and cotton were partially offset by lower prices for milk, oranges, soybeans, and broilers.

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS (Dollars)

COMMODITY	UNIT	KENTUCKY			US
		OCT 1999	SEPT 2000	OCT 2000	OCT 2000
		Entire Month		Mid-Month a/	
All Corn b/ c/	Bu.	1.95	1.86	1.80	1.74
Soybeans b/	Bu.	4.63	4.82	4.50	4.36
Winter Wheat b/	Bu.	2.00	2.04	2.25	2.66
Alfalfa Hay, baled	Ton	122.00	103.00	110.00	89.70
All Other Hay,	Ton	79.00	67.00	72.00	70.20
All Hogs	Cwt.	31.70	38.80	38.80	42.60
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	32.00	39.00	39.00	43.20
Sows	Cwt.	24.00	35.00	35.00	34.90
All Beef Cattle d/	Cwt.	64.20	69.90	69.70	66.00
Steers & Heifers e/	Cwt.	74.00	80.00	80.00	69.80
Cows	Cwt.	33.00	38.00	37.00	35.70
Calves f/	Cwt.	81.00	92.00	91.00	103.00
Milk Cows g/	Ea.	1,290.00	-	1,310.00	1,350.00
Milk Wholesale					
All	Cwt.	17.40	14.30	14.30	12.60
Fluid h/	Cwt.	17.50	14.30	- -	12.60
Manufactured	Cwt.	10.90	10.50	- -	10.70
Hog-Corn Ratios i/	Bu.	16.3	20.9	21.6	24.5

a/ Preliminary. b/ Includes contract sales paid during month. c/ Includes yellow and white corn. d/ "Steers and heifers" and "cows" combined. e/ 500 lbs. and over. f/ Under 500 lbs. g/ Published only in Jan., Apr., July & Oct. h/ Includes surplus diverted to manufacturing. i/ Number of bushels of corn equal in value to 100 lbs. of hog live weight.

COLD STORAGE HIGHLIGHTS

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on September 30, 2000 were greater than year earlier levels for red meat, fruit, and potatoes. Cooler stocks of pecans and apples were also higher than a year earlier.

All U.S. Warehouse Stocks				Sept 00 as % of	
Commodity	Sept 30 1999	Aug 31 2000	Sept 30 2000	Sept 1999	Aug 2000
Frozen Poultry	1,000 lbs			Percent	
Chicken:					
Broilers (Whole)	29,774	33,422	30,761	103	92
Other Chicken	854,961	768,271	779,180	91	101
Total Chicken <u>1/</u>	894,615	808,441	818,682	92	101
Turkey	596,358	524,771	529,391	89	101
Total Frozen Poultry <u>2/</u>	1,496,963	1,338,322	1,353,806	90	101
Meat					
Total Frozen Beef	294,369	378,142	382,703	130	101
Pork:					
Bellies	19,273	33,005	21,341	111	65
Total Frozen Pork <u>3/</u>	430,585	449,009	439,325	102	98
Total Meat <u>4/</u>	746,279	853,649	847,759	114	99

1/ Includes broilers, hens and other chickens. 2/ Includes chicken, turkey and ducks. 3/ Includes picnics, hams, bellies, loins, ribs, trimmings, and other frozen pork. 4/ Includes frozen beef, pork, veal, lamb and mutton, other frozen meat, canned hams, and other canned meat.

RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.86 billion pounds in September, down 2 percent from the 3.93 billion pounds produced in September 1999. September 1999 contained 22 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays. September 2000 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and 5 Saturdays. Beef production, at 2.28 billion pounds, equaled the previous record high for September set last year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.03 million head, down 2 percent from 1999. The average live weight was up 21 pounds from the previous year, at 1,231 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.55 billion pounds, down 4 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.12 million head, 6 percent below 1999. The average live weight was 4 pounds above the previous year, at 259 pounds.

COMMERCIAL RED MEAT PRODUCTION: UNITED STATES & KENTUCKY 1/

Class	Sept 1999	Aug 2000	Sept 2000	Sept 00 as % of	
				Sept 1999	Aug 2000
	Million Pounds			Percent	
Beef	2,275	2,437	2,275	100	93
Veal	20	17	17	82	95
Pork	1,618	1,641	1,552	96	95
Lamb & Mutton	19	18	17	90	97
Total U.S.	3,932	4,114	3,861	98	94
Total Kentucky	37.3	38.3	36.9	99	96

1/ Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER: KENTUCKY & U.S. SEPTEMBER 1999 & 2000 1/

Class	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
	1,000 head		1,000 lbs.		Pounds	
Kentucky						
Cattle	1.4	0.9	1,161	822	856	871
Hogs	192.2	185.7	49,230	48,464	256	261
Sheep & Lambs	1.0	1.0	127	163	133	169
United States						
Cattle	3,099.0	3,034.5	3,750,968	3,734,301	1,210	1,231
Hogs	8,641.4	8,117.9	2,207,612	2,101,892	255	259
Sheep & Lambs	307.6	269.1	39,084	35,056	127	130

1/ Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other Commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.

CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.0 million head on October 1, 2000. The inventory was 7 percent above October 1, 1999 and 13 percent above October 1, 1998. The inventory included 6.56 million steers and steer calves, up 6 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 60 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 4.40 million head, up 9 percent from 1999.

Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.69 million, 3 percent below 1999 but 1 percent above 1998. Net placements were 2.63 million. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 775,000, 600-699 pounds were 612,000, 700-799 pounds were 681,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 618,000. **Marketings** of fed cattle during September totaled 1.99 million, 2 percent above 1999 and 7 percent above 1998. **Other disappearance** totaled 54,000 during September, 13 percent below 1999 and 11 percent below 1998.

CATTLE ON FEED 7 STATES 1/

Cattle on feed October 1, 2000, in the 7 States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.50 million, up 8 percent from the previous year and 13 percent above October 1, 1998. The inventory included 5.58 million steers and steer calves, up 6 percent from the previous year. This group accounted for 59 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.88 million head, up 11 percent from 1999.

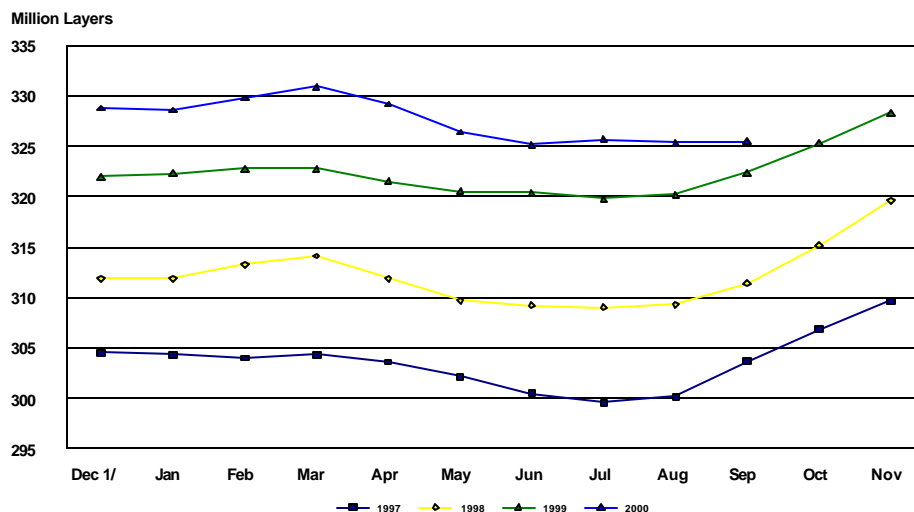
Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.29 million, 3 percent below 1999 but 1 percent above 1998.

Marketings during September totaled 1.71 million, 2 percent above 1999 and 8 percent above 1998.

Other disappearance during September was 48,000 head, 13 percent below 1999 and 6 percent below 1998.

1/AZ, CA, CO, IA, KS, NE, and TX.

AVERAGE NUMBER OF LAYERS U.S., 1997-2000



UNITED STATES EGG PRODUCTION & HATCH

Type	Sept 1999	Sept 2000	Sept 00 as % of Sept 99
Egg Production			
Eggs Produced (Million)	6,860	6,837	100
Average Layers (000)	322,394	325,477	101
Eggs Per 100 Layers	2,128	2,101	99
Egg Type Hatchery			
Eggs Set Oct 1 (000)	35,308	31,890	90
Chicks Hatched (000)	39,287	36,290	92
Broiler Type Hatchery			
Eggs Set Oct 1 (000)	587,577	586,587	100
Chicks Hatched (000)	700,016	704,901	101

U.S. MILK PRODUCTION UP 2.8 PERCENT

Kentucky milk production for September 2000 totaled 130 million pounds. This is up 2 percent from September 1999 production but down 3 percent from August 2000. The average **number of cows** on farms, at 132,000 head, was unchanged from a year earlier and last month. **Milk per cow** averaged 985 pounds, up 25 pounds from September 1999 but down 30 pounds from August 2000.

Milk production in the **20 major States** during September totaled 11.5 billion pounds, up 2.8 percent from production in these same States in September 1999. The August revision represented a decrease of 0.3 percent or 32 million pounds from last months preliminary production estimate. **Production per cow** in the 20 major States averaged 1,467 pounds for September, 22 pounds above September 1999. The **number of cows** on farms in the 20 major States was 7.85 million head, 98,000 head more than September 1999 and 11,000 head more than August 2000.

MILK COWS & MILK PRODUCTION FOR SEPTEMBER, SELECTED STATES

STATE	Milk Cows <u>1/</u>		Milk Per Cow <u>2/</u>		Production <u>2/</u>		2000 as % of 1999
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	
	Thousands		Pounds		Million Pounds		Percent
CA	1,476	1,539	1,710	1,685	2,524	2,593	103
IL	121	120	1,300	1,350	157	162	103
IN	135	150	1,275	1,350	172	203	118
KY	132	132	960	985	127	130	102
MO	157	153	1,030	1,080	162	165	102
OH	259	264	1,400	1,420	363	375	103
VA	121	120	1,265	1,240	153	149	97
WI	1,364	1,352	1,360	1,400	1,855	1,893	102
20-State							
Total	7,753	7,851	1,445	1,467	11,200	11,515	103

1/Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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